

German Neutrality Decried by Dulles

WASHINGTON, May 24 (AP)—Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, with President Dwight D. Eisenhower's approval, bluntly turned down today any Soviet move to turn Germany into a neutral in the East-West struggle.

In sharp language, he assailed any such proposal as unrealistic and said no one believes 70 million Germans with their great tradition could play such a neutral role.

Highway Bill Hits Snag In Senate

WASHINGTON, May 24 (AP)—Senate Republicans decided today to try to ditch a Democratic alternative if they are unable to steer President Dwight D. Eisenhower's highway program to passage.

They looked to the House for help in getting across the administration's multibillion-dollar, 10-year roadbuilding plan.

GOP senators developed this strategy in the light of strong support for a substitute plan drawn by Sen. Albert Gore (D-Tenn).

Gore's program calls for federal-state spending of nearly 18 billion dollars in the next five years on the road systems which qualify for federal aid. Congress would provide the federal share, some 12 billion dollars, through direct appropriations.

Under the Eisenhower program, 38 billion dollars of federal-state money would go in the next 10 years to the same interstate, primary, secondary, and urban systems. About 26 billion dollars would be spent on a 40,000-mile interstate network.

Backers of Gore's measure have attacked the administration method of raising 21 billion dollars of federal money by special 30-year bonds, which technically would not be counted as part of the federal debt.

U.S. Has Military Superiority—Wilson

WASHINGTON, May 24 (AP)—Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson said today this country is maintaining a "military capability superior" to that of Russia.

Asst. Air Secretary Robert Lewis also insisted that the United States has "superiority" in terms of planes that can do the job, and that in such planes there is "qualitative as well as quantitative superiority."

These latest pronouncements in a series of "we do, no we don't" official statements on the question of air superiority came today in a news conference held by Wilson. Lewis was present to join in answers.

Panicky Man Threatens Year-old Boy With Knife

YONKERS, N.Y., May 24 (AP)—A frenzied man held a year old baby boy at knife point at a third floor window today while scores of onlookers gaped in horror below.

He threatened to dash the baby to the ground if police came in to get him. Police nevertheless managed to grab him. The baby was uninjured.

Seaport to Red China

TOKYO, Wednesday, May 23 (AP)—All facilities of the naval base at Port Arthur have been turned over to Red China by Russia's armed forces, Peiping radio said today.

Russia has agreed to withdraw its armed forces from Port Arthur, big Manchurian naval base, by May 31. Russia has occupied Port Arthur since the end of World War II.

Priest, Teacher Say Pornography Incites Trouble

NEW YORK, May 24 (AP)—A high school disciplinarian and a Roman Catholic priest both maintained today that pornographic literature—often bootlegged in the nation's schoolyards—can spark juvenile delinquency.

William Deerson, dean of discipline at New York's Haaren High School, told a Senate subcommittee probing delinquency under Sen. Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn):

"I believe there is a definite relation between juvenile delinquency and pornographic material. I feel that this material, if read, incites the young man, stimulates him and leads to some overt act."

In the same vein, the Rev. Daniel Egan, a Franciscan priest who works with teen-agers, told Kefauver and the other subcommittee member present, Sen. William Langer (R-N.D.):

"No teen-ager, unless he has ice water in his veins, could look at this material and not be affected by it. A boy gets such a picture, shows it to his girl, they go off to the movies and something is bound to happen."

Stevenson Asks H-bomb Control

PHILADELPHIA, May 24 (AP)—Appraising the international scene as "calmer," Adlai Stevenson called tonight for a "crashing effort" to control the H-bomb and to assure permanent peace.

"The differences between ourselves and the Communists are great and terrifying," Stevenson said in a speech prepared for the national convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. These differences, he went on, "will not be easily resolved; I doubt they will be resolved in our lifetime."

The 1952 Democratic candidate for President said this country's record in trying to control the means of atomic annihilation is a creditable one.

Dulles thus stressed this government's insistence that West Germany should remain in alliance with the West. The West Germans have just entered the Atlantic Treaty Alliance, defense setup of non-Communist powers.

East's Alarm
Dulles spoke out at a news conference in an effort to ease some alarm in West Germany over President Eisenhower's comments on neutrality last week.

The President had told reporters at his news conference: "There seems to be developing the thought that there might be built up a series of neutralized states from north to south through Europe."

These remarks aroused speculation that the United States was switching its long-standing policy to favor including Germany as part of this neutral belt of nations.

But Dulles said he has been authorized by Eisenhower to say flatly that no such interpretation should be placed on the President's remarks.

Personal Assurance
The secretary disclosed he personally assured West German Ambassador Heinz Krehler of this Friday in answer to the envoy's urgent inquiry at a dinner the night before.

Replying to questions, Dulles made it clear American opposition to German neutrality covered both West Germany and a possibly united Germany could be offered the role of an armed neutral like Austria.

Pay Hike Axed

WASHINGTON, May 24 (AP)—The Senate upheld President Dwight D. Eisenhower's veto of the 8.6 per cent postal pay increase today—in a vote billed as a possible guide to his attitude toward a second term.

Before the climactic vote in a crowded chamber, some Eisenhower backers passed the word that if Republicans deserted the President in sizeable numbers on the issue he might figure it was hardly worth running again in 1956.

The vote on a motion to override the veto was 54-39 in favor of the bill, eight short of the two-thirds majority required to pass legislation without the President's signature. The measure thus was killed.

There is now no reason for the House to test the veto, since a two-thirds vote of both branches of Congress is necessary to override it.

Sen. Frank Carlson (R-Kan) immediately offered a substitute bill which he said "I know will be approved" by the President. It provides for an 8 per cent average raise retroactive to March 1 and corrects some of the salary "inequities" to which Eisenhower objected.

Sen. Olin D. Johnson (D-SC), chairman of the Post Office Committee, also proposed what he called "another Democratic com-

promise plan." It is the same as Carlson's except that it doesn't contain the job reclassification features the administration wants. Johnson called a meeting of his committee for tomorrow to consider the measures.

Eisenhower vetoed the first bill because, he said, it would create new inequities in the Post Office Department without correcting old ones and would cost too much—an estimated 179 million dollars a year. He indicated he wanted something in the neighborhood of a 7 1/2 per cent increase.

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Conservative Win Forecast by Eden

LONDON, May 24 (AP)—Prime Minister Anthony Eden, dapper as ever and beaming more than usual, issued his own forecast today of victory for his conservatives in tomorrow's general election.

The opposing labor party, though dropped to a longshot role in the betting, kept its chin up. While public interest in the campaign is mild, Labor party Secretary Morgan Phillips said he expected Labor's poll this time to be larger than its record high of 13,949,105 votes in 1951. That was 231,036 more votes than the Conservatives received but, because of the way they were distributed, Labor was still the loser.

British Have Choice
Basically, the choice of a new 320-member House of Commons comes down to the question of whether this island nation will keep its present economic system, a combination of nationalized industry and private enterprise, or turn again to socialism.

Tied with it is the decision whether Eden and his conservatives will speak for Britain at the world's diplomatic conferences as well as direct the country for the next five years or whether power will pass to former Prime Minister Clement Attlee and his divided Laborites.

Poll Favors Edonites
One poll gave the Conservatives the support of 51 per cent of the 35 million electorate, with 47 per cent for Labor and the rest going to the Liberals and minor groups.

Voting is not done on any national candidates, but strictly by districts. Each district elects one member of the House. Thus only

Military Family Housing Degraded by Senator

WASHINGTON, May 24 (AP)—Sen. Margaret Chase Smith (R-Maine) today described the military family housing situation as "frightening and shocking" and demanded that something be done about it.

In a letter to Secretary of Defense Charles Wilson, Mrs. Smith said a recent statement of Gen. Curtis LeMay, command-in-chief of the Strategic Air Command, before the Senate Banking Committee pointed up the problem.

the voters in Warwick will find Eden's name on the ballot. But Eden can continue as prime minister only if the Conservatives again win a majority in the House. If that majority goes to Labor, Attlee will become prime minister.

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